

# LIVING SPIRIT

✠ January 10, 2010

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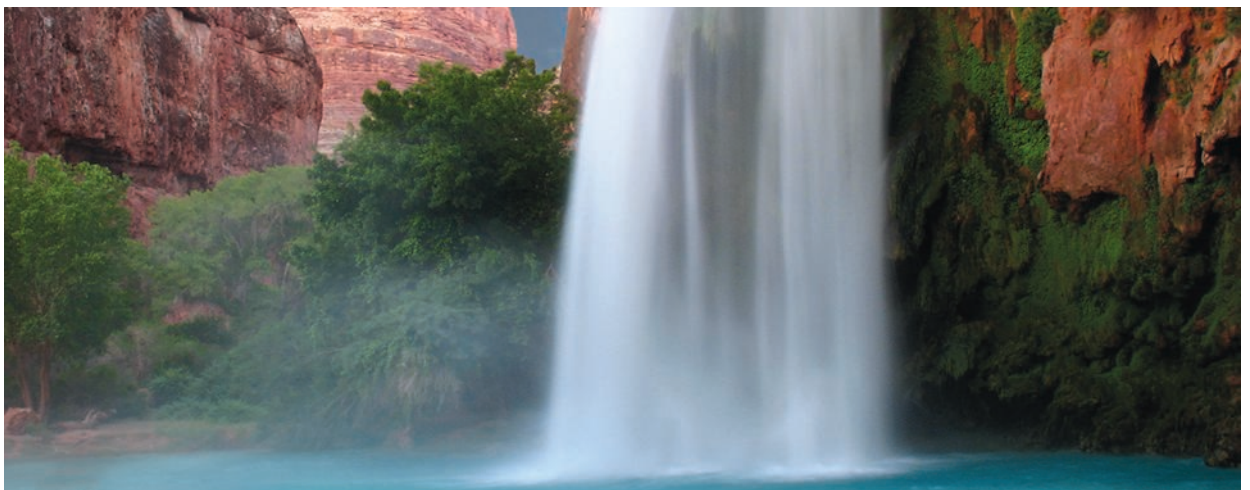
REV. JAMES C. POLICH  
pastor

Today's feast celebrates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. Luke describes this scene as an epiphany, a manifestation of God's presence in Jesus. Among all those baptized that day, the Holy Spirit descends only on Jesus and a voice from heaven declares: "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests." The Holy Spirit who came upon Jesus at his baptism remained with him throughout his ministry of healing, teaching and working miracles. God's Spirit who filled Jesus is the same Holy Spirit who inspires us to follow Christ as disciples throughout our lives. As members of the Body of Christ, we continue Jesus' Spirit filled ministry in the world today.

Congratulations to Sarah Nesbit, a St. Augustin parishioner who entered the community of the Dominican Sisters of Mary in 2008. Last fall Sarah received the Dominican habit and her new name of Sister Mary Ignatius. Sarah is the daughter of John and Ann Nesbit and has begun training as a novice with the Dominican Sisters of Mary. Sister Mary Ignatius would appreciate your greetings and good wishes, which may be sent to Dominican Sisters of Mary, 4597 Warren Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

Thanks to all who donated new chairs for our choir. I'm amazed that all twenty chairs were purchased within three weeks! The Ratigan Company will shortly begin production of the chairs with kneelers, and our choir will be most grateful for your generosity.

You'll notice from today's financial report that, as of December 31, 2009, parish income from tithes and offerings was \$571,831.20, or \$55,092.14 short of our month's end budget of \$626,923.34. The shortfall is alarming because we began December with a budget surplus of \$13,000.00. Please pray that our economic situation improves, and that all our parishioners find gainful employment, especially those who have been without work for sometime.



**A**fter all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. — Lk 3:21-22a

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**MASS SCHEDULE / INTENTIONS:**

**JANUARY 9 - JANUARY 17, 2010**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 9, 2010</b>
8:00 a.m.	Merlin Steger
5:00 p.m.	Pat Galligan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 10, 2010</b>
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Augustin
10:00 a.m.	Bob Murphy
12:00 p.m.	Sally Scarpino
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 11, 2010</b>
8:00 a.m.	Rita McDonough
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 12, 2010</b>
8:00 a.m.	Edward James Nahas
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 13, 2010</b>
8:00 a.m.	Donald and Rose Hauser
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 14, 2010</b>
8:00 a.m.	Rita Cahill
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 15, 2010</b>
8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Kirke
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 16, 2010</b>
8:00 a.m.	Charles and Alice Tupy
5:00 p.m.	Doug Nixon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 17, 2010</b>
8:00 a.m.	Edward James Nahas
10:00 a.m.	Bette and Suzette DeMarco
12:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Augustin

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE: JAN. 16TH – JAN. 17TH, 2010**

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>L</b>	K. Pierick	<b>AS</b>	J. Mattern
	<b>EM</b>	W. Douglas	<b>AS</b>	Grant Meek
	<b>EM</b>	L. Goeldner	<b>AS</b>	Geoff Meek
	<b>EM</b>	E. Rice	<b>AS</b>	R. Pierick
	<b>EM</b>	G. Mark Rice	<b>Ush</b>	D. Eischeid
	<b>EM</b>	K. Schaffer	<b>Ush</b>	V. Eischeid
	<b>EM</b>	R. Schaffer	<b>Ush</b>	A. Peterson
	<b>EM</b>	E. Sitzmann	<b>Ush</b>	T. Peterson
	<b>EM</b>	D. Waddell		
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>L</b>	J. Minor	<b>AS</b>
<b>EM</b>		R. Beh	<b>AS</b>	J. Fink
<b>EM</b>		J. Colver	<b>AS</b>	B. LaBrie
<b>EM</b>		J. Gilchrist	<b>AS</b>	K. Walding
<b>EM</b>		L. Gutenkauf	<b>Ush</b>	L. Beh
<b>EM</b>		G. Hoerster	<b>Ush</b>	M. Guthrie
<b>EM</b>		C. Shelton	<b>Ush</b>	J. Knight
			<b>Ush</b>	C. Shelton

**Vocations Chalice : Joe and Pat Knight**

<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>L</b>	A. Dowd and M. Smith		
	<b>EM</b>	M. Baum	<b>AS</b>	C. lhedilioneye
	<b>EM</b>	W. Baum	<b>AS</b>	J. lhedilioneye
	<b>EM</b>	P. DeMarco	<b>AS</b>	Z. Nelson
	<b>EM</b>	G. McDonald	<b>AS</b>	Z. Wheeler
	<b>EM</b>	S. Pyle	<b>Ush</b>	B. Acri
	<b>EM</b>	K. Riley	<b>Ush</b>	F. Acri
	<b>EM</b>	J. Romp	<b>Ush</b>	J. Duong
	<b>EM</b>	S. Sullivan	<b>Ush</b>	J. Strawn

**Vocations Chalice:: Todd and Jill Erzen**

<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>L</b>	W. Annexstad	<b>AS</b>	G. Chiodo
	<b>EM</b>	M. Annexstad	<b>AS</b>	J. Dowd
	<b>EM</b>	W. Annexstad	<b>AS</b>	M. Halliwell
	<b>EM</b>	P. Barber	<b>AS</b>	G. Mote
	<b>EM</b>	A. Baughman.	<b>Ush</b>	R. denHartog
	<b>EM</b>	B. Currans	<b>Ush</b>	J. Foarde
	<b>EM</b>	R. denHartog,Jr.	<b>Ush</b>	J. Harrington
	<b>EM</b>	J. Roth	<b>Ush</b>	D. Kehm
	<b>EM</b>	S. Thompkins		

**Vocations Chalice:: Ron and Ann Bonanno**

**FROM THE VATICAN:** Pope Benedict XVI's prayer intentions for January, 2010, are **General:** That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society. **Mission:** That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

**CHOOSE LIFE?** A new year brings thoughts of new life. What better place to start than at the beginning-with the human embryo? "Embryonic human beings, no less than human beings at other developmental stages, should be treated as subjects of moral respect and human rights, not as objects that may be damaged or destroyed for the benefit of others." Presidential Council on Bioethics, 2002

 **TIME, TALENT & TREASURES**

Through December, 2009, fiscal year-to-date tithe and plate income was \$571,831.20 vs. a budget of \$626,923.34. Our tithe and plate income goal for the fiscal year, which ends on June 30, is \$1,191,209.94.

 **PARISH LIFE**

**POPE BENEDICT XVI URGES US TO CARE FOR OTHERS.** "Love of neighbor, grounded in the love of God, is first and foremost a responsibility for each individual member of the faithful...As a community, the Church must practice love." "The Church is God's family in the world. In this family no one ought to go without the necessities of life." "We contribute to a better world only by personally doing good now, with full commitment and wherever we have the opportunity." Excerpted from Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, God is Love.

**ST. AUGUSTIN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ORGANIZATION** needs people to visit with the sick, the lonely, and the elderly and to provide service on behalf of families and individuals with special problems or difficulties. We welcome new faces, new ideas, and people who are willing to give their time and talents to help out fellow parishioners. If you are interested in helping a person in need understand what is available to them and what they must do to get the help they need please call Robin Rose at the Church office, (255-1175) or at home (255-6119), Tom Ludwig, (277-1508), or Mary Ellen Murphy, (991-1074) and leave your name and phone number.

**A NOTE OF THANKS:**

Thank you so much for all of the coats and winter accessories that all of you contributed to those in need and the homeless this winter season. They were very grateful. God Bless You for your kind generosity.

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Kathy Garton.

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEKEND (JANUARY 16TH AND JANUARY 17TH). THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE NEEDY!**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

January 17, 2010

**First Reading** - Isaiah 62: 1-5

**Psalms Response** – Psalms 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

**Second Reading** – Corinthians 12: 4-11

**Gospel** - John 2: 1-11

**WHY SHOULD I GO TO PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?** To deepen your personal relationship with Jesus and grow in faith, hope, and love. St. Peter Julian Eymard said that every time you look at Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament your place in heaven is raised. Besides that future goal, right now, here on earth, Jesus will give you His peace within you as you spend time with Him. Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come into the Light and Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays, of His grace, His love, His peace. ("2009 Catholic Adoration")



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**The hours of greatest need here at St. Augustin are:**

**Sunday:** 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m., 5:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

**Monday:** 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 2:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 1:00a.m., 2:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

**Friday:** 3:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday:** 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

To reserve your hour with Jesus, call Al at 277-5445; or Sister Clare at 274-6082.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

Make serving God and your church a part of your New Year's resolution by volunteering at St. Augustin! Here are a few suggestions:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time Commitment</b>
Perpetual Adoration-----	1 hour a week
Prayer Chain -----	A few minutes a week
Altar Server -----	1 hour a week
Vocations Chalice -----	2 hours per quarter
Gardening Angels -----	As much as you like.

Plenty of other ideas can be found on our web-site under "organizations" at the URL <http://www.staugustin.org/orgs.php>. Please contact Andy Ball at 255-1175, ext. 215 or [andyb@staugustin.org](mailto:andyb@staugustin.org).

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

- ✠ Welcome back RE families. RE classes resumed January 6th!
- ✠ Second graders: 1st reconciliation **parents only** meetings are this week. It is mandatory for parents to attend. Please plan on attending either January 12th or 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Contact Cassie Sheik with any questions.
- ✠ If you have yet to pay your tuition costs please turn them in as soon as possible or see Cassie to work out details.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

- ✠ The school is looking for an after school aide (paid position) during the school year from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call the school at (279-5947) or mail resume to St. Augustin School, 4320 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312.

**IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP**

- ✠ January 13th - Early dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
- ✠ January 24th - 30th - Catholic Schools Week
- ✠ January 28th- Kindergarten parent information meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school media center.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**HEALTH CARE REFORM SYMPOSIUM**

All are welcome to join the Holy Trinity Catholic Church's Peace and Justice Committee for this panel discussion on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Social Room, 2926 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines. The panel discussions will feature Father Bob Aubrey; Chaplain at Des Moines Hospitals; Mr. Tom Chapman, Executive Director of Iowa Catholic Conference; Dr. Ann Gernes; Mercy West Urgent Care in West Des Moines; and Mr. Thomas LaPointe, Communications Coordinator and ECM Iowa Director.

**CREIGHTON COURSE "THEOLOGY OF THE CHURCH AND SACRAMENTS"**

The 3-credit course, held in the diocese, begins January 15 and continues for six Saturday sessions. It is part of the Creighton Certificate Programs co-sponsored by the Diocese and Creighton University; instructor is Paulette Chapman, director of faith formation. Financial aid is provided both by Creighton and the Diocese. For more information: go to [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org) ("Faith Formation") or the diocesan office of lay ministry [formation@dmdiocese.org](mailto:formation@dmdiocese.org) or call 515-237-5058.

**NOVOS ON GRAND-** a way for Young Adult Catholics to gather in Des Moines - will be held on Saturday, January 16th at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 N. Grand., Des Moines. Mass will be held at **6:00 p.m.** The group will then gather at Legends on Court Avenue for the NFL's District Championship Games. E-mail [novosongrand@gmail.com](mailto:novosongrand@gmail.com) or go to [www.novosongrand.com](http://www.novosongrand.com) for more information.

**MASS CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

The Des Moines Black Catholic Ministries invites everyone to the annual Mass commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which will take place at The Basilica of St. John, 19th and University at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 17th.

**PRAY WITH US AT THE MASS FOR LIFE!**

The entire Diocese is invited to the Annual Mass for Life, at Christ the King Parish, 5711 SW 9th St. on January 22th at 6:00 p.m. Bring your children and grandchildren! Schedule is as follows:

- ✠ 6:00 p.m. - "THE WOMAN AT THE WELL." Samaria, the time of Christ. This mini musical drama faithfully recreates John 4:4
- ✠ 6:45 p.m.-ROSARY led by the KC's.
- ✠ 7:00 p.m. - MASS FOR LIFE with Bishop Richard Pates presiding.
- ✠ Reception immediately following the Mass.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE:** The peer ministry is for widowed, divorced or separated people. This program is designed to start healing the grief associated from the loss. The weekends are January 15th -17th and April 16th -18th at St. Thomas Moore Center in Panora, Iowa. For further information and/or to register call Cleo Scheidel at 221-1371 or Father Bob Schoemann at 418 - 1938.

**"IT TAKES THREE - A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE"** Celebrate your marriage in a special way by joining us on February 6th from 4-9 p.m. at the Des Moines Diocese Pastoral Center. Special guest will include Bishop Richard E. Pates and guest speaker/author, Art Bennett. Art Bennett is the Director of the Alpha Omega Clinics in Fairfax, Virginia, and in Bethesda and Crownsville, Maryland; a Catholic Marriage and Family Therapist; and Co-Author of *The Temperament God Gave You* and *The Temperament God Gave Your Spouse*. The event will include an afternoon lecture, marriage renewal Mass, and a formal celebration dinner with guest speakers. Cost per couple is \$100 with checks payable to Challenge, N.A. and mailed to 35303 Cabernet Circle, Waukee, IA. Limited table reservations for groups also available. For questions please call Stephanie or Jim Becker at 371-6996.

**LIVING AND COPING IN ANXIOUS TIMES**

The counselors at Catholic Charities offer the following practical tips to deal with the widespread anxiety in our society.

- ✠ Looking at the pluses. Perhaps being out of work is motivation to go back and finish a degree or spend more time with loved-ones.
- ✠ Re-evaluate old habits. Think about what you value and how you spend your time.
- ✠ Meet with a professional counselor. They are available for those with insurance or on a sliding fee scale. Last year 94% of clients qualified for a sliding fee based on income and number of dependents. Fees won't be a barrier.

**PARISH RESOURCES****PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

**Parish Office** – 515-255-1175 / Parish Fax - 515-255-7969

**Parish Office Hours:** (Mon.—Fri.) 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**School Office** – 515-279-5947 / School Fax 515-279-5947

**STAFF**

Rev. James C. Polich – Pastor, ext. 202

Rev. Emmanuel Agwuoke – Parochial Vicar, ext. 203

Rev. John Lorenz

Rev. Mr. Kevin D. Heim, Deacon; RCIA and Baptism, ext. 208

Dr. Nancy Dowdle – School Principal, 279-5947

Miss Cassie Sheik – Director of Religious Education, ext. 207

Mr. Andy Ball – Business-Finance Officer/ Foundation, ext. 215

Mrs. Patricia Neal – Marriage Prep, ext. 209

Mrs. Patricia Neal – Music Director, ext. 209

Mr. Kirk Peterson – Buildings and Maintenance, 669-7446

Mrs. Robin Rose – Receptionist/Funeral/Hall Rental, ext. 200

Mr. Kevin Von Schaumburg – Accountant, ext. 204, 8 a.m.–12 Noon

Mrs. Cindy Sullivan – Parish Secretary, ext. 201

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKEND:** 5 p.m. Saturday / 8 and 10 a.m., 12 Noon. - Sunday

**DAILY:** 8 a.m. Monday - Saturday

**Website** - [www.staugustin.org](http://www.staugustin.org) / **Email** - [info@staugustin.org](mailto:info@staugustin.org)

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

Saturday – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday – 9 to 9:30 a.m.; or anytime by appointment—255-1175

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** — Baptisms are celebrated after

the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Call Deacon Kevin Heim at 274-4321 to schedule a Baptism.

**THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** — One of the parties to be

married must be registered in St. Augustin Parish. Contact Mrs. Patricia Neal 12 months prior to wedding – 255-1175 ext. 209.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY** — Mary Caponi Hamilton, Pres. – 457-4037 or [mcaponi@metlife.com](mailto:mcaponi@metlife.com).

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** — Meets first Tuesday of the month in church library. Contact Mindi Dickinson, Chair – 279-5142.

**BULLETIN PUBLISHING & SUBMISSIONS** — Cassie Sheik/Cindy Sullivan—255-1175 or [info@staugustin.org](mailto:info@staugustin.org)

**CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** — Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Contact Marilyn, 270-6121; or Leone, 981-0105.

**CHOIR** — Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. Contact Patti Neal, Director — 255-1175—ext. 210.

**FINANCE COUNCIL** — Meets every other month on the second Tuesday. Contact Jim Wallace, Chair — 277-0363.

**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION** — Contact Melinda Grask, 577-7263 or [MGrask9202@aol.com](mailto:MGrask9202@aol.com); SCRIP, Gina Noll, 229-0601.

**HOSPITAL VISITS** — Please contact the parish office (255-1175), if you or a loved one are hospitalized.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** — Meets the third Thursday of the month in the parish hall at 7 p.m. Contact Tony Klapp at 229-4507.

**MOM'S GROUP** – Kate Mitchell, 279-4490; Sue Honkamp, 664-9482

**NEWCOMERS** — Welcome! To register in our parish, please call our church office, 255-1175.

**PARISH COUNCIL** — Meets the second Tuesday of month in the Library at 7 p.m. Contact Emily Duong, Chair – 255-3402.

**PARISH HALL RENTAL** — For hall rental or information, please call Robin Rose at 255-1175.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** — He asks us, "Could you not watch one hour with me?" Contact Al Reynolds at 277-5445.

**PRAYER CHAIN** — Send your prayer requests to Greg Annexstad-277-9724 or [STAUGPRAYER@aol.com](mailto:STAUGPRAYER@aol.com).

**RCIA** — Please call Deacon Kevin Heim, 274-4321, for more info.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** – Contact George Mosley, 279-9616.

**TRANSPORTATION TO SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. MASS** — To schedule transportation, call Andy Ball at 255-1175, ext. 215.